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Letter to Sophia Chase

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My Dear Wife

Boston 16th Apr. - 1827.
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I think it was on Saturday that I dispatched my last letter to you. I dined that day with the boroughs in Hollis Street. - The Girls are the Sisters of the Rev. Charles B. of Portsmouth. I drank tea with Greenes in Eliot's Street. Yesterday Sunday I preached for Dr. Gardiner in the morning - for the Rev. Dr. Blake in the afternoon, and for the Rev Mr Eaton in the evening. Supper according to a standing agreement with Dr. G. - I saw there the family & Mr Parkins who gave me £100 (in M.). This day Easter Monday. Mr Howden & Mr Wilson called & brought from the P.O. a packet under Mr Clay's search containing letters from Lord Byron Miss Macfarlane & Dr Ward. - One of the letters from Miss Macfarlane enclosed one from Mr Monro which I shall enclose in this which I beg you to give to him. - If this young man can not content himself & by making himself useful to the family as was expressly stipulated & fulfil the designs of his benefactors Lady Hope & Miss Macfarlane he had better leave us and seek some other way or means of a living. - It is my wish, then, that he be asked what are his views and feelings and intentions: and, (when these are expressed) and, prove satisfactory to you and Mr Sparrow that his course be laid accordingly. - Should you not be satisfied that his remaining at our house will be of mutual benefit it is my wish that Mr Monro be requested to find some place where he can be more happy. - perhaps some situation where he can earn a trade for his livelihood. - He has done that which calculated greatly to injure us, but I trust we all feel a forgiving spirit towards him: let him but conduct himself well & faithfully hereafter wherever he is, and his friends will not forsake him. This however does not imply that he is to remain at my house if he is not likely to be mutually benefited; if he prove a trial to you, Dear Wife, who already have more than one in a million could bear, I can not think of having him any longer within us. - So be his own master - gentleman at large thinking because you can not bear to speak to so ungrateful a person that he is at liberty to enjoy himself as he pleases without work without care? - If so, tell him that he is very wicked and will be made to feel & see the error of his ways.

18th of April. Do you believe that I am now in Salem? It is even
so! - On the morning of the 17th I awoke with a dreadful headache. And yet
I was obliged to quit my room in the Hamrock House having
hired it only till then when the Governor was expected in
town and ~~to take~~ possession of his accustomed quarters.
- I packed up all my things paid my bill and went to Mr
Lowden's the good Friends at whose house I staid when
in Boston last fall. - My head ached almost to distraction.
Still the Meeting of the Kenyon College Committee
must be attended. - That took place at 5 P.M. & I
made out to be there. - All things went on well -
The gentlemen were very zealous and agreed to take
the business of solicitation off my hands and by
their own application and that of a judicious
person whom they would appoint to finish the
whole business. This was most agreeable news to
me especially as it left me at liberty to go on my
journey east. I came back to Mr Lowden's - who sub-
scribed last evening 100 - Mr Wilson who was pre-
sent 100 - and Miss Farnum 10 - ! This is a good
beginning - some where about 600 is now down in all
- This day (i.e. the Committee are to begin. - that will
will be done by the time I get back I can not say
- At 8 o'clock I set off for this place; and tho' the
Rev. Mr Coit the Minister of the Parish is gone to
Boston! - (we parted each other on the way) yet I have
contrived to see some of the Parish who are to meet

This afternoon at 4. - and I am to speak to them a-
bout Ohio - & Kenyon College. What think you of this
movement? I feel more and more as if I were not mine
own, but bought with a price, through the merits of which
merits of direction & support, were given me far beyond
my expectations. In short I feel as if God was always
with me. pardoning my sins, helping mine in prayer
and supporting me under temptations. That I
may continue to do so - & never leave me forsake -
I beg the earnest offering up of your
prayers. Mrs. Sharrons - Mr. Wings and Fa-
& Lucia's and all. If you & they think of it
half as often as their and your dear image
flashes in my mind, and as often say your prayers
for me I should be blessed indeed.
The weather is colder than it has been for a fortnight past.
- The Apricots had been in full bloom. but I fear they are all des-
troyed.

Do give my love to the Children. one and all - call them up
one by one and, to them, say - "your Father does not stay from home
because he does not love you: but because he wishes to please
his Heavenly Father: and should you not most earnestly desire to
please your Father? - This you can do only, ^{by} behaving well: by constant
ly & sincerely saying your prayers. by obeying your mother & your Teachers
by studying your book & learning well your lessons. - by being kind &
gentle in your manners: by restraining your passions & keeping your
tongue from every evil word - and your hands from every wicked deed
- Do this my Child and you will please both your Heavenly &
earthly Parents. And may God give you his grace so to do this
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Your faithful loving Son
Philander Chase

Salem, 19th Oct 41

My own health continues pretty good. — I am grieved at not hearing from you. What can be the matter?

After writing this letter
I have been very
much occupied with
a sermon on the
study of nature in the
history of the
and learning of the
the human mind is
for the study of the
nature of the universe
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John A. Chase

Washington

Ohio

18 April 1841

I have not yet
received this day
(19 April 41) for
Newbury Port —
then to the Port
worth as soon
as possible

How comes on the election of the Cabin? I hope well & fast